

Bell companies operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning will stimulate competition and be of benefit to the consumers. To not do so would cripple the '96 Telecom Act.

Furthermore, I'm especially concerned about the possibility of being forced to use the local phone company's DSL service, as opposed to the alternative one I've been using for over 2 years now. The local phone company's service sucks, and I believe I should have the right as a consumer in a free market to choose the provider of my services.

Chairman Powell: Please do not sell us out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country. Not to mention the consumers who stand to suffer the most from these proposed changes.